

STATE NEWS.

Orphans of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cottonseed from the South

Greensboro prohibits all fireworks Christmas.

Hogs continue to die in some parts of the county from cholera, says the Boone Democrat.

T. G. Taylor, of Oxford, is thinking of planting 1,000 Japanese chestnut trees on his place near that town.

A North Carolina woman moonshiner is giving the revenue men trouble to catch her. She is said to be very beautiful.

Rev. Dr. F. J. Murdoch, rector of the Episcopal church at Salisbury, is also president of three cotton mills of that town.

Except George Vanderbilt, the largest land owner in North Carolina is General Ransom. He owns 12,000 acres.

Collettsville, ten miles from Lenoir, will be connected with the Lenoir telephone exchange one day this week, says the Lenoir Topic.

At the recent election Miss Helen Morris Lewis, of Asheville, received five votes in Buncombe county for Congress. Miss Lewis is a woman suffrage agitator.

Littleton News Reporter: Mr. R. A. Nicholson, who had his hand lacerated in L. P. Coleman's cotton gin this fall, died a few days since from the effects of blood poison.

A man in Davidson county was outlawed some time ago for burning a barn. A week or so ago he gave himself up, stood trial before a magistrate and was found "not guilty."

Lenoir has organized a board of trade with Dr. A. A. Kent, president; J. H. Beall, vice president; S. T. Pender, secretary. It is to consider electric lights, the first thing.

In Tyrrell county a few days ago Annie Holmes, aged 18 years, was engaged in laundry work when her clothing caught fire. She was so badly burned that she died.

The Marion Democrat says two Mormon elders are laboring in McDowell county and that the Mormons have a regular church organization at Elk Park. Mitchell county.

The University reserve football team was defeated by the Wilmington team the same day the regular team was beaten at Richmond. The score at Wilmington was 6 to 0.

Mr. J. A. McAllister will have his rice huller in operation in a few days. He has been somewhat delayed in getting everything in readiness, says the Lumberton Robesonian.

Frank P. Milburn has prepared plans for a five story auditorium and tobacco exchange building in Winston, to be constructed of granite, pressed brick, etc., at a cost of \$42,000.

A Yadin negro, who claimed to be the "champion," fell and was crushed nearly to death under the weight of a log which weighed 600 pounds, which he was trying to carry on a wagon.

Several of our farmers have this season purchased peanut pickers which they say is one of the best of labor saving machines to be found on the farm, says the Plymouth Beacon.

The Shelby Star says a colored woman is teaching a colored public school in Cleveland county, for which she is paid \$25 per month, and she has only four pupils outside her own family.

At Mill Hill, Cabarrus county, Monday, Baxter Goodnight was caught by a belt at a cotton gin and twisted beneath a shafting. Two bones in his left leg and one in his right were broken.

Mr. A. D. Wilson, of No. 5 township, killed a 6-months old hog Tuesday which weighed 220 pounds. All of our farmers have made plenty of hog and hony this year, says the Concord Standard.

A mad dog bit Mr. James Daughtry, in Fork township, Wednesday evening. His cries brought several of his neighbors to his assistance and the dog was clubbed to death, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

Newton Enterprise: For the last ten days this and a part of Lincoln county has been stirred up over the bold robberies that have been committed by what was supposed to be an organized band of robbers.

The Greensboro Record says that Rev. Solomon Pool, D. D., who was partially paralyzed recently, and was forced to retire from the ministry, has bought a farm near Greensboro and will move there soon.

Wadesboro Messenger: News comes from Morven that the advance agent of prosperity is at work near that thriving village. Since the election the corn mill of J. C. McGugan has been at work on full time and it is stated as a fact that at least one bushel of good meal is being ground there every day.

We are informed that on last Sunday night a week ago some scoundrel, who was badly in need of furniture entered the Lexington Furniture Factory and stole a beadstead and bureau, says the Lexington Dispatch.

Wayetteville Observer: John Archer, a railroad employe, was placed in jail this morning charged with larceny. He is accused of stealing a pistol, bottle of whiskey and \$15 from a fellow workman while the latter was asleep.

Mr. Dan Riggan, of Wake Forest, in 1842 cut his name and the date on the lower shell of a Warren county "highland tarrapin." Last week the identical tarrapin was sent to him, to his great joy. It is alive and very hearty.

Rocky Mount Pioneer: In a few miles of Red Oak, Nash county, are to be found many genuine fox squirrels and all from a pair turned loose by the late James Tucker who had them sent in a box from Southampton county in or about 1846.

A dog belonging to Mr. W. B. Wray, left Burrowsville about eight o'clock last Thursday night and was in Shelby for his breakfast on Friday morning. He traveled about 90 miles and swam several large streams, says the Shelby Aurora.

The Lincoln Democrat says that one night last week Mrs. Wm. E. Mikel, who is with her father, V. A. McBee, Esq., of Lincoln, was awakened by the crying of her little girl and upon investigation found that a mouse had bitten her right badly on the cheek.

The annual insurance report issued by the Secretary of State shows there were 119 companies doing business in North Carolina, of these 29 being life, 10 accident, 11 cooperative life, 4 guarantee, fidelity and trust companies, the remainder fire and marine.

Washington Progress: Mr. Sol. Woodward while crossing the bridge which leads into Bayside had a short stem pipe shot from between his lips. To say he was very much surprised is to put it mildly. After his fright he searched the woods but found no one.

We have learned that a colored man named John Shaw was killed at Selma Monday. He was on a car loaded with coal. The car was on the coal chute and coming uncoupled from the other cars ran off the chute, and turning over caught Shaw under it killing him instantly, says the Smithfield Herald.

Two white men and a negro slept in a box car at Selma Monday night. The car was loaded with cotton. Early next morning the negro struck a match to find his cap and the cotton caught fire. The cotton and car was burned and the three men were brought here and placed in jail, says the Smithfield Herald.

Ranoke Beacon: Officer R. B. Latham received a capias on Monday from Bertie county for the arrest of Mr. C. T. Baker, who was wanted in Windsor to answer to the charge of forgery. Mr. Baker has been living in our town for the past few months, and his arrest was quite a surprise to our people.

Two gun-shot accidents Tuesday—a colored man near Red Oak shot himself in the hand, and a Coast Line porter out hunting caught his gun in a bush. It was discharged mangleing his forefinger so badly that it had to be cut off. Dr. Whitehead attended to both parties, says the Rocky Mount Pioneer.

Charlotte News: Engineer Will Clayton, who was killed in the accident at Laurel Hill, on the Carolina Central Thanksgiving morning, was a former resident of Newbern, where he was very popular. He had only just recovered from a severe accident which he met with near Atlanta, while in the service of the Seaboard.

Mr. J. T. Legrand, a prominent law and citizen of Richmond county, has confessed judgement for \$12,000. The Rockingham Index says his total liabilities will greatly exceed this amount. Mr. L. Grand has been a large planter in upper Richmond and has lost a great deal of money for several years by reason of short crops and low prices.

On last Saturday evening our popular groceryman, Mr. S. L. Owen, made an assignment, naming Mr. H. P. Galimore as assignee. Liabilities \$4,675 19; assets, goods and accounts, estimated between four and five thousand dollars. Mr. Owen has been one of the hardest working merchants in town, and is very popular, says the Lexington Dispatch.

Hendersonville Times: Deputy Sheriff Bob Ashe was brutally murdered by a negro named Gus Wilson, at Bryson City, on Friday afternoon. Early Sunday morning an attempt was made by about one hundred men on horseback to take Wilson from the jail where he was confined, but the coolness and courage of Sheriff Teague prevented a lynching. It is thought the negro will be speedily tried and convicted and made to suffer for his crime. Ashe was his third man.

The Hustler says A. G. Walters, of Greensboro, was in North Wilkesboro last week buying poultry. He had \$85 in his coat pocket and while attending to some business pulled off his coat and laid it down. He was out of sight of it but a few minutes. When he returned to get the money to pay for a load of chickens it was gone and there is no clue to it.

It is learned that Horace Mason, who is said to be the tallest man in the State, died at his home at Chapel Hill, last Saturday night, at the age of sixty years. Mr. Mason was unmarried, and for several years past had not been engaged in any business. In years gone by he was known by many people in different parts of the country, who will regret to hear of his death, says the Durham Sun.

Greensboro Record: A most distressing accident happened in the family of Mr. John C. Sharpe, who lives about three and a half miles from town on Wednesday afternoon last. His little child, aged 14 or 15 months, was sitting in a door eating a piece of bread, when in some way it tumbled out of the door. The fall was a very short distance and likely did not hurt the child, but when some one picked it up it was seen that it had become strangled or choked on a piece of the bread. Strenuous efforts were made to relieve it without avail. Mr. Sharpe then started to town after a physician, but knowing this would cause a long delay, took the baby and its mother in his buggy and came in as fast as possible, stopping at Dr. Marley's residence, where that gentleman and Dr. Beall were found, but it was too late, and before anything could be done the child died.

THERE ARE OTHERS

But These Have Paid Their Subscriptions

—W. E. Deal, Rowan county, sends two renewals. Thanks!

—R. H. Lane, Beaufort county, has our thanks for two renewals and promise of more to follow.

—H. H. Greene, Watauga county, renews and says: "I can't do without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER."

—J. A. Neill, Iredell county, renews and writes: "I don't think I can get along without your valuable paper."

—M. M. Alexander, Alexander county, sends renewal, and says he thinks a great deal of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

—M. A. Sherrill, Catawba county renews and writes: "Glad you are still in the middle of the road. Don't stop my paper so long as you stay there, for I am always anxious to see it."

—J. A. Nail, Rowan county, renews and writes: "I want THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as long as I can raise a dollar to pay for it, and if I get so I can't pay, as long as you can furnish it without pay."

—H. C. Clegg, James Gilbert, Chatham county; A. J. Cobb, Bertie; W. L. Gupton, Franklin; M. F. Blythe, Henderson; A. O. Albritton, Lenoir; W. C. Jarmon, Onslow; Dr. H. F. Freeman, Wilson; N. Gibbon, Mecklenburg; W. F. Draughon, Edgecombe; Joseph Miller, Granger, Mo.; H. C. Snavely, Lebanon, Pa., and others have subscribed or renewed during the week.

TARHEEL EDITORS.

The corner stone of the New York Athletic club's new million dollar building was laid Saturday. Meantime, about 16,000 children are denied education in New York City because of lack of room.—Asheville Citizen.

Cotton has fallen in price; cotton goods have advanced. The farmer gets less for his work, but pays more for his goods. That's pure "confidence restored," and people will prosper of course.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Senator Paffar must look out for his fame. Musa Kitesulu, a Turk, who is travelling in Europe, has beard 9 feet 8 inches in length and still growing. It would be interesting to know what brand of fertilizer he uses.—Wilmington Star.

We didn't get any turkey for Thanks giving day. If some friend had thought about us and sent us one, it would have been quite an agreeable change from our bread and turnips. But poor white folks and editors are learning to be content with their lot.—Our Home.

"Can you tell me what sort of weather we may expect next month?" wrote an American farmer to the editor of his local paper, and the editor replied as follows: "It is my belief that the weather next month will be very much like your subscription bill." The farmer wondered for an hour what the editor was driving at, when he happened to think of the word "unsettled." He sent a postoffice money order.—Southern Publisher.

The Typographical Union convention at Colorado Springs decided to continue the fight for a government telegraph the ensuing year.

FUSION—No. 1.

Confusion—Debauchery—Practical Politics—Office-Seeking Parties—Plutocracy—Hum of Prosperity—A Fusion of Hell and Heaven—Patriotism—Bossism—Its Remedy—Guiles—Direct Legislation—The People the Boss.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

Fusion is confusion and it cannot be accomplished without compromising principles. To fuse with the opposition is to forfeit the respect of honest men. He who holds his principles supreme will not do anything to compromise them. A party with a principle can not fuse with its opposers without bringing the party into disrepute. A party with moral ideas must conduct their campaign on high moral grounds. They must discard practical politics, as now understood means the utilizing of all of those forces that secure control of the purchasable vote and this means the use of whiskey and money and the moral debauchery that follows in the wake of political campaigns. A reform party cannot fuse with a party who adopts these without forfeiting self respect. Fusion is always hatched in the brain of an office-seeker, and if it were not for this class there would never be any fusion with the opposers of reform. The fusionist hatches up some local issue and magnifies its importance to secure co-operation with the minority party, and office-getting is the controlling motive. In the canvass that follows, the principles which called the reform party into existence is forced to the rear and this is true in every State and county where it has been adopted. Fusion will destroy any party of principle. It killed the Greenback party in every State that adopted it, and it destroyed the National organization. The cancer of fusion has a death grip on the Populist party in every State where they hold the balance of power. Its machinery is being used by selfish men to advance their self-interest. He who barter principle is liking in that degree of patriotism that will bring success to the cause he advocates. Decadence always follows in the wake of fusion with its opposers and dissolution is near at hand. A party cannot grow that swerves from their principles. The Populist party contains an immortal principle which if crystallized into law would bring prosperity to every class. Greed for office has paralyzed its power to influence the people.

A party with a great principle can not fuse with the opposers and remain a party of principle no more than heaven can fuse with hell and remain heaven. Fusion of the good with the bad forces the good to the level of the bad. Fusion was conceived in the hell of selfishness and is the devil's straight road to political damnation. Fusion is the legitimate offspring of party. Each party necessarily has an organization, and there is the machine that controls the policy and line of action. The party machinery always controls the party. Parties are plutocratic. The machine of the party makes it possible for the few machine men to control the party and selfish men are not slow to take advantage of the opportunity. If the machine is under the control of patriots like Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln it is run in the interest of the people. The machinery of parties have and always will control as long as parties exist. So far self has forged to the front and patriotism is forced to the rear. As time grows, harder the struggle for office, growing in value, will increase. To succeed in the great battle for industrial freedom patriotism must lead. He who is not content to battle for the cause of human freedom without entering into a struggle for office will never lead the nation out of the wilderness. Bossism is the order of the day. They are supreme in all parties, National, State and county.

A few men control and tax the people without their consent. Pick up the papers of all parties and you read of the bosses controlling that party. It is Boss Briggs in Ohio, Boss Platt in New York, Boss Quay in Pennsylvania, Gorman in Maryland, Boss Cleveland and boss this and boss that down to the little county and ward boss controlled by the big bosses. Nowhere will you read of the boss people, and nowhere will you find where they are the bosses. This is a struggle inside of each party by the different factions for the control of the machine. If one boss is expelled from power he is superseded by another boss, and often he is worse than the boss expelled. The will of the people must supersede bossism. This can never be done through parties. As long as the nation is divided into parties the moral force will remain divided and this makes it possible for organized greed to dictate the policy of the machine. The scriptures says a house divided must surely fall. The moral forces divided by parties fall a victim to organized greed. Divide and conquer is the tactic employed by the enemy. United the people are invincible. The will of the people can supersede the party and bosses by the organization of guile (societies) all over

the United States open to every class and the agents of the people made responsible to the will of the majority, as expressed through these guiles. This would give us a democratic government in practice as well as in theory. The agents of the people must be made responsible to their constituents instead of to tacking caucuses which are controlled by organized greed.

In those guile questions will be discussed from a nonpartisan standpoint, and the real cause of hard times will be understood by all. A thorough study of parties and the effect on their followers has convinced me that we will never secure reform through these parties. My confidence in all parties to accomplish reform is destroyed. While I have no confidence in parties I have unbounded confidence in the moral forces of the nation, and once organized into nonpartisan leagues will soon understand the cause of existing depression and speedily apply the remedy. It will be impossible for organized greed to control the purchasable elements and dictate the policy of these guiles. The unpurchasable element in the nation, State and county always exceeds the purchasable elements.

Before we can get reform we must educate the people. This can never be done through parties. Parties develop prejudice and this debars the people from receiving the truth. All the truth in the Populist party was received in side of the Alliance. The Alliance taught the people the whole truth. The leaders of the Populist party has thrust to the front the discussion of a single issue that if crystallized into law would not give us relief. Those principles enumerated by the Alliance that would give relief have been thrust to the rear by the bosses in the reform ranks.

The working of these guiles can be easily understood. Every important legislative measure will be committed to the guiles for discussion and the decision of the majority will control the action of their legislative agent. All legislation of importance will emanate from the people through these guiles. A bill to establish postal banks is discussed by the guiles. The decision of the majority in each district as expressed through these guiles will decide how their Congressmen shall vote on this measure. Every candidate for legislative honors will be pledged to obey the will of his constituents as expressed through these guiles.

If a bridge is to be built in a county a bill for this purpose is introduced into the guiles and the decision of the majority controls the action of their legislative agents. Instead of referendum legislation you will have direct legislation. Our government will be conducted on business principles as all other business is. The agents of all firms receive their instruction from the principle of the firm and execute the will of the firm. The people must organize and express their will free and untrampled by party bosses. This never can be done through parties, but it can be done through the guiles. As it is, we have the bosses in parties dictating and a hungry board of office seekers whooping it up for office and paid speakers to tell the people how to vote when they don't know how to vote themselves. When the battle is over the people are further from the truth than when it began. These guiles will supersede parties and make the people the bosses.

It will unite the people into a concrete body honestly seeking the better. Men of all belief can belong to these guiles knowing if they have the truth it will be known and crystallized into law. Down with the bosses and up with the people. Make the people the rulers and prosperity will cover this country as the mighty waters cover the deep. JAMES MURDOCK.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRYAN'S DEFEAT.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

The leaders of the Democratic party were too wise not to know that a President friendly to the free coinage of silver could not be elected unless the South and West joined hands and worked manfully for that end. To unite the two sections, they knew that both must be represented on the Presidential ticket. This was so plain that any ordinary school boy could see it. Hence I say it boldly that the leaders of the Democratic party saw it. And as they saw it and then would not act accordingly, makes them responsible for the defeat of Mr. Bryan.

Nothing could be more natural and plain to even an ordinary mind, that if the West should get the first place on the Presidential ticket, then the South must have the second. Other wise there could be no hope of success. But with all this before their eyes, they ignored these facts and the just rights of the South, and go away over to New England for the second man on the Presidential ticket, and nominate Mr. Sewall.

This was an insult to the South and

the People's party generally, and especially the latter, from the fact that the People's party had forced the money question to the front, in spite of all the leaders of both old parties could do or say; and therefore, they were justly entitled to representation on the Presidential ticket. But notwithstanding all this, the National Democratic Convention ignored the rights of the People's party and the South and nominated Mr. Sewall, whom they knew would be objectionable to the South and the Populist party.

Just think how ridiculous they acted, viz: Declare against National banks of issue, and then in the next breath nominate a National banker for the second place on their ticket! Such inconsistency is enough to make any honest man sick at his stomach. I am of the opinion that Sewall was placed on the ticket and kept there for no other purpose than to defeat the election of Mr. Bryan.

I do not charge this upon all the members of that convention, for no doubt many of them were sincere and wanted Mr. Bryan elected; but they suffered so called Democrats to pull the wool over their eyes enough to put on a man for Vice President who would be as a mill stone about Mr. Bryan's neck to sink him on election day. All that were called Israel, in that convention, were not Israel, and those who were there under false colors knew what they were doing when they put Mr. Sewall on that ticket.

If the Democratic convention, when they met, had gone on and nominated Mr. Bryan and then put on some good Southern Populist for the second place, or what would have been better still, if they had left the place open to be filled by the Populists, we have not a shadow of doubt but that Mr. Bryan would have been elected by a larger majority than was Mr. McKinley.

One of three things is very clear, viz: 1. The Democratic convention showed very bad judgment in selecting their second man; or, 2. They wanted Mr. Bryan defeated; or, 3. They did not want what they declared for, unless they could have it all under the label of Democracy.

Well, gentlemen of the Democratic party, you have missed the golden opportunity of your life as a political party. You could have have acted so as to have united the South and West, and have got the united vote of the People's party for President; but let me say to you here and now, that you will never, no never, have such an opportunity again.

There are men of intelligence in both the old political parties, and doubtless good men, and you very well know that both old parties have nationally left their original principles, and you cannot follow them if you are conscientious men, without stifling honest convictions and placing party name above principle.

I say most emphatically that the People's party and true reform forces can never, no never, be gotten together under the name of Democracy. Mr. Bryan is a great leader, and no doubt a good man, but he cannot get the reform forces together under the name of Democracy. The people were sorely tried by the record that party had made before Mr. Cleveland was elected the last time; but his last administration has capped the climax.

Cleveland has killed the Democratic party, and he will go down to his grave hated by the American people as no other President has been since the formation of this government. Hundreds of people who named their children Cleveland, now regret it, and would rather they were named almost anything but Cleveland, for they look upon him as one of the worst traitors with which America has ever been cursed.

So, gentlemen of all parties, let me say to you in all friendship, if you are really in earnest and want the reforms the country so much needs, have the manhood to do like the men have done who compose the People's party, viz: Leave your old parties that have left their original principles, and rally around the banner of the only true reform party, which is the People's party, that places principle above party, and be like me, and throw off the yoke of slavery that the money power is trying to fasten around your neck, and that will place your precious children in a worse state of slavery than ever the negroes of America were in. "Wake up, wake up, the Philistines are upon you!" GEO. E. HUNT.

George: Mamma, I'm just sure you don't give me enough cake." Georgie's mamma: "What makes you think that my boy?" Georgie: "Cause Tommie Simpson said I was a pie face."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. Dusenberry: "It's dreadful to be disappointed in love." Mr. Dusenberry: "There is something a great deal worse than that." "What for instance?" "To be disappointed in marriage."—Texas Sittings.